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INCREASE IN UPPER CEILING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by the Tobacco Board for the production of tobacco in Karnataka for the year 2000-2001 ;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Government to increase the upper ceiling on its tobacco production for the period 2000-2001;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : A target of 25 M. Kgs was fixed by the Tobacco Board for production of tobacco in Karnataka for the year 2000-2001.

(b) to (d) : Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka had requested the Central Government to increase the crop size to 35 M.Kgs.In view of the decision of the Board which took into account the requirement of the trade and the carry forward stocks no increase in the crop size for Karnataka was made.